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1. AS INDICATED REF A, DECISIONS ON IMPORTS INTO THE WEST BANK AND ON INFRANSTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT THERE ARE MADE BY MILITARY GOVERNMENT. SUCH DECISIONS SEEM TO BE TAKEN MORE ON SHORT TERM CONSIDERATION THAN AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY. FOR EXAMPLE, MILITARY GOVERNMENT TENDS TO COOPERATE WITH MUNICIPALITIES WHERE WEST BANK LEADERSHIP IS "MODERATE" AND REJECTS REQUESTS OF THOSE WHICH ARE HOSTILE. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IN MANY CASES, PARTICULARLY IN THE SMALLER TOWNS AND VILLAGES, IMPORT LICENSES FOR ELECTRIC GENERATORS HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

2. EMBOFF ASKED MINISTER OF ENERGY MODAI ON MARCH 22 WHETHER GOI HAD A POLICY CONCERNING ELECTRIC POWER TO THE WEST BANK. MODAI REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO SUCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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POLICY AS FAR AS HE WAS AWARE: ISRAEL ELECTRIC COMPANY HOOKED UP WEST BANK TOWNS TO THE ISRAELI GRID WHEN DIRECTED BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT, BUT WAS NOT ACTIVELY PURSUING EXTENSION OF THE GRID TO THE WEST BANK.

3. AS OPPORTUNITY ARISES, WE WILL QUESTION MILITARY AUTHORITIES FURTHER ON NABLUS CASE AND REPORT IF THERE

IS ANYTHING TO ADD TO THE ABOVE. VIETS

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